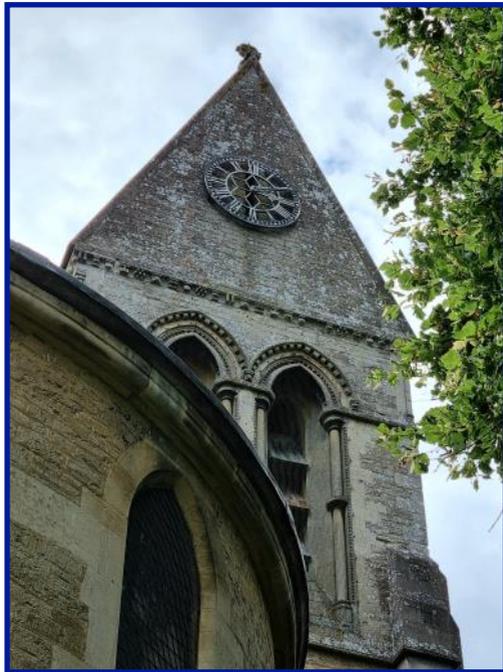




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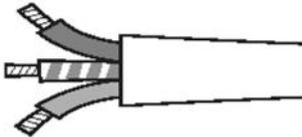
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You will find all sorts of interesting information about St Mary's on the "A Church Near You" website: www.achurchnearyou.com/5863

If you have any interesting pictures that could be used on this site, please contact Roy Thomas on 01993 881 001 or email: print@associatedagencies.co.uk

You can see a virtual tour of St Mary's on Google Street View at:
<http://goo.gl/g53NJH>

Children and Youth Work - families are really welcome at all our services, but especially at the weekly 10am service where youth friendly activities are held at the back of church.

Babies & Toddlers at St. Mary's meet at 10.00 - 11.30am every Wednesday during term time. Please contact Alice Harden (01993 886833) for more details.

11+ Hitchhikers - future meetings to be advised

The above information is correct at the date published (22/08/2021). Should any changes be necessary, the up-to-date information can be found at

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ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following services:

Sunday 5th September 9.30am - 10.00am

Sunday 19th September 9.30am - 10.00am

We will be resuming our Monday night practices on **Monday 6th September** starting at 7.30pm

Please contact the Tower Secretary, Michael Probert (882687) should you wish to discuss any bell ringing matters.

You can see more about Freeland Bell Ringers under the "Clubs and Groups" section of the village website www.freelandoxon.co.uk

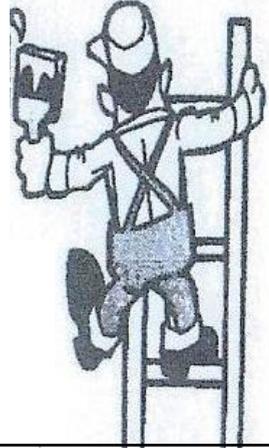
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Letter from our Curate:

Dear friends,

¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Exodus 20:11)

Here we are, it's the summer holidays, hallelujah! With the pandemic restrictions beginning to lift and after a very busy and at times stressful eighteen months or so, many of us are now able to take a break. However, after such a busy time sometimes it can be difficult to slow down, for a variety of reasons. Therefore, this month not only do I want to encourage us all to take a break over the summer, if possible, but I also want to encourage us all to build rest and relaxation into the long-term rhythms of our lives, for the following reasons.

- ***Even God needed to rest after creating the heavens and earth*** – If it is OK for God to have a rest after creating the heavens and the earth, it is OK for each one of us to build rest and relaxation into our lives too.
- ***God loves us for who we are not what we do*** – Sometimes we need to remind ourselves, that as important as personal productivity and success might be, quite simply God loves us for who we are because we are his children.
- ***Take the opportunity to evaluate priorities*** – Taking a break over the summer allows us to step away from the busyness of everyday life, take stock and if necessary, re-order our priorities, re-focusing on what is important to us.
- ***People are important*** – By taking time to rest and relax, both over the summer, and in our regular weekly routines, we can also create the opportunities to spend time with family and friends.

Therefore, my prayer, is that not only will each one of us get the opportunity to take a break over the next few months, to wind down, to take stock and to recharge our batteries, but we shall also receive wisdom from God in order to develop a rhythm of life that works for each of us in the future.

Blessings,

Rev Mike

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Please note this year's event in your diary and begin thinking about taking part, either visiting churches, or sponsoring striders. Sponsor forms may be downloaded from <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

There is a link on the website to the online money raising platform Virgin Money Giving

On the day, due to Covid restrictions, not all churches will be open so remember to bring your own pen to sign the register of visitors.

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- Sun 19th Sept 10am** Rev. Ian Worrall
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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL – Lisa’s notes from the meeting held on 19th July 2021

September Parish Council meeting – change of date

Just a reminder that there is no Parish Council meeting in August, and due to availability of Councillors, the September Parish Council meeting will now be held on **Monday 13th September at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall (rather than Monday 20th September)

Inspired Villages – Planning Application submitted

You may recall back in March this year that you received a leaflet produced and delivered by some residents about the Inspired Villages proposal to build up to 160 units as part of a retirement village in Freeland on land near the nursing home. I can now confirm that despite preliminary pre-application advice from WODC that the application would be refused, the developer clearly believes they have a strong case and has now submitted an outline planning application for an extra care retirement community and the details can be viewed online at the WODC website (application reference is **21/02627/OUT**). Go to **westoxon.gov.uk/planning-and-building/** > ‘Planning permission’ > ‘View planning applications’ > ‘Search for a planning application’. Enter the application reference **21/02627/OUT** in the box at the bottom then click ‘search’

I would strongly urge you all to take a look at the proposals (which appears to include the retention of the veterinary practice) and submit your comments to the Planning Officer at WODC (Joan Desmond). Due to the timing of this application being submitted within the summer holiday season, myself and Alaa Al-Yousuf, (District Councillor) have requested an extension to the deadline for comments. We have now been advised that the official public deadline will be **Thursday 2nd September** (although comments will be accepted up until the final decision is made) and the Parish Council has until **17 September**, so it will agree its response at its **13th September** meeting in the village hall, which anyone can attend.

Gigaclear in Freeland - update

As far as I am aware the Gigaclear work has now pretty much been completed. I have been advised that the first main access cabinet for the Freeland build is live, and an online event is being held on Tuesday 17th August, which all residents in the build will have received an invite to via mail by the time these notes are published. This event is to give an update on the project, let residents know some more about Gigaclear and their services, and is also an opportunity to ask any questions. They anticipate the other main access cabinet to be live over the coming weeks.

Parking at Freeland School

The Parish Council has had some concerns raised about parking around Freeland School, particularly in Oakland Close and on the white lines around the corner of Parklands and Oakland Close. Whilst the Parish Council cannot enforce anything and are not responsible for the parking regulations, they would hope that residents and parents coming from outside of the village would park considerately and responsibly to the neighbouring properties around the school that often suffer the congestion at peak drop off and pick up times. Oakland Close is a particularly narrow road with no pavements, so extra care must be taken in this area, and please do not park on the

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Wheelie bins & recycling boxes

I know this was mentioned last month but I am still seeing wheelie bins and recycling boxes left on the pavements rather than being taken back to their respective properties. Wheelie bins left on a pavement are not only an eyesore but also obstruct the public footpaths and highways, which is a public offence. Furthermore, if a member of the public injures themselves as a result of a wheelie bin left on a pavement, the owners of the bin are liable. Please help to keep the village looking smart and tidy and keep the pavements safe for all our residents to enjoy. Thank you very much.

Salt Cross Garden Village – Area Action Plan

The Post Hearing Sessions Note from the Planning Inspector regarding the Salt Cross Area Action Plan is now available to view on the WODC website at the following link: <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/media/jdcngzlj/insp-15-post-hearings-note-27-7-21.pdf>

This is following the hearings that were live streamed on social media via the WODC's Facebook page. The Inspector concludes that the Area Action Plan requires more work on establishing a detailed phasing plan for essential infrastructure delivery (not just transport infrastructure) and detailed changes to the policy wording of Policies 13-17 in the Movement and Connectivity chapter were also required to improve legibility and ensure each requirement is clear.

Bench improvement work

You may have noticed that many of the benches around the village have been treated and are looking really lovely. Our thanks to Graham Lay for carrying out this bench maintenance work to ensure their life is prolonged as long as possible and to keep them fit for all to enjoy!

Buses

The Freeland Community Bus will resume on **Thursday 9th September** and you will find a notice with the timetable on page **27** of this issue. A new initiative is also being explored with a company called First and Last Mile CIC to provide a bus service between Freeland, Hanborough, Standlake and Eynsham. Nothing has been finalised as yet, but discussions are ongoing so watch this space for more details.

Oxfordshire Plan 2050

Oxfordshire Plan 2050 is a long-term plan to set a framework for future planning decisions. Various policies have been suggested including addressing climate change, improving environmental quality, creating strong and healthy communities, planning for sustainable travel and connectivity and creating jobs and providing homes. A consultation about these policies is now open and will run until

Friday 8th October. It can be viewed at www.oxfordshireopenthought.org . Printed copies are available at the local library or from WODC offices in Witney.

Move Together

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Planning Applications:

All planning applications can be viewed on line from the Village Website at **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** (under Parish Council/Planning Tracker) or via the WODC website at **www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning** .

You can also contact the Planning Team at WODC on **01993 861420** and view the documents at Woodgreen Council Offices.

Applications Received:

**21/02627/OUT LAND OF THE WEST SIDE OF WROSLYN ROAD,
FREELAND**

Outline planning application for the erection of a retirement community of up to 160 extra care units (C2 use class) with associated communal facilities and open space, with access from Wroslyn Road, (all matters reserved except access) and retention of veterinary practice in the coach house for Inspired Villages.

21/02355/HHD 11 BLENHEIM LANE, FREELAND

Erection of a two storey rear extension for Miss Maddy Bull.

21/00961/FUL LAND SOUTH OF SHASTON, THE GREEN, FREELAND

New build chalet bungalow with detached double garage for Mr & Mrs Neil and Catherine Tregear (reconsulted application due to additional ecological information submitted).

Applications Approved:

21/01735/HHD 137 Broadmarsh Lane, Freeland.

Side extension for Mrs Emma Stoppani.

Applications Withdrawn:

21/02306/HHD 1 Church View, Freeland.

Proposed annex, erection of rear and side extensions and porch for Ms Maria Admans.

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 13th September 2021 at 7.30pm**, in the Village Hall.

Please note this time and venue is subject to change; please check the village website and noticeboards for the final agenda up to five days before the meeting in case of alterations.

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about a particular matter and have access to the internet, please have a look at the village website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** . Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of **9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday** - Lisa Smith, Parish Clerk on **01993 880067** or email **lisa.fpc@gmail.com**

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Thank you Freeland & Church Hanborough residents for your many comments on the developer's informal consultation.

Your letters to local councillors, emails to Inspired Villages, and the emails we ourselves received make it clear **you oppose this proposed development** and the impact it will have on our whole community.

Legal & General (Inspired Villages) have pushed ahead anyway and **submitted a formal planning application.**

You may have commented before but **it is now vital you make your voice heard again now the application is official!**

Every objection counts so take action **now** to make the District Council clear regarding your concerns about building on this greenfield site in ancient estate parkland, and the precedent it will set for other green spaces in our village.

What concerns will the WODC planners consider?

1. Site **not** part of Local Plan
2. Unsuitable location with few local amenities & no public transport
3. Provision for retirement housing already factored into the Local Plan
4. Local need not considered
5. Unsustainable (cars, healthcare etc)

How to comment on the planning application online:

1. Go to the West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) website www.westoxon.gov.uk
2. Click on *Planning and Building > Planning permission > View planning applications*
3. Search for application 21/02627/OUT
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If you cannot comment online:

Please call WODC on 01993 861000 or write to: Planning Dept., West Oxfordshire District Council, Elmfield, New Yatt Road, Witney, OX28 1PB.

Contact Fiona Lehane on 07970 122 876 if you would like a stamped address envelope to submit written comments.

If you want to get more involved in stopping this speculative development, please email: freeland.friends@yahoo.com – we could use your help!

**Deadline for comments:
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The **Saturday League team** lies 3rd in the league and need to win 2 of their last 3 matches to get promotion.

The **Women's hardball team** recently beat Eynsham by 7 wickets. The **Women's softball team** narrowly lost to Stevenston by 3 runs, in a thrilling match with scores of 108 v 105.

We have joined with Witney Mills to play in the **Under 13 35 over League**, and so far we have won one and lost one, with one match to play.

We have also found out that the **Under 11 team** won their league with 6 wins out of 6 matches.

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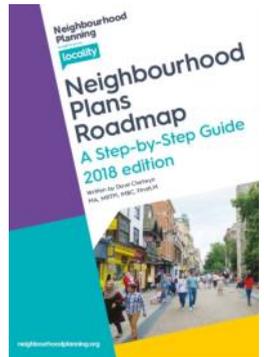
Introduced by the Localism Act in 2011, the idea of Neighbourhood Planning is to ensure important decision-making takes place a more local level. A Neighbourhood Plan is about the use and development of land, and may contain a vision, aims, policies or proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities. It may also deal with a range of social, economic and environmental issues – or it may focus on one or two issues only.

A Plan can span any declared length of time – say 5 years or 20 years. Once developed, a majority of the local community has to officially accept the plan through a referendum; if this is successful, the Neighbourhood Plan becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area. This statutory status gives neighbourhood plans far more weight than some other local documents, such as parish plans, community plans and village design statements. Find out more at **www.neighbourhoodplanning.org**, where you can download the planning Roadmap (pictured).

What next?

A Neighbourhood Plan presents some real opportunities for Freeland – but is also a little daunting because it takes some hard work and real local engagement.

Eynsham has had a successful Neighbourhood Plan in place for a number of years. While the plan was unable to resist the centrally-mandated Salt Cross garden village, it has allowed the village to protect against further development, draw down grant funding and generate exciting new local initiatives. We at Freeland Parish Council are delighted that Eynsham Parish Council has agreed to share the highs and lows of developing, ratifying and operating a Neighbourhood Plan in a **Zoom call on Wednesday 1st September from 6pm - 7.30pm.**



If you are interested in any of these or other issues, and think you have some useful background or might be willing to contribute a small amount of time to getting a Neighbourhood Plan off the ground, please join us for this commitment-free discussion if you can! For joining details, please drop Amy an email on **amyj_fpc@outlook.com** or call **01993 880360**. We hope to see you there!

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The next Markets will be on Sunday 26th September and Sunday 31st Oct at Freeland CE Primary School

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you very much for all the recent book donations. Children's books in particular are always flying off the shelves so there is a consistent need for those. We must have a lot of young bookworms in the village!

Here are a few reminders about donating books to us:

- Before you drop off the books please double-check that there aren't any personal documents inside them. We've found things like old prescriptions and other sensitive information, which we have shredded. It's worth just flicking through the pages to see if anything falls out!
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- There are some books that we simply can't accommodate in the Little Free Library and are better off going to a charity shop. For example big, heavy historical books, technical manuals on subjects that are unlikely to be of interest to many people, or outdated textbooks. Please take a moment to consider if the books you're planning to donate would benefit a charity shop instead.
- The vast majority of the books we receive are amazing though, and often the Little Free Library looks like it is full of brand new books from a bookshop!
- Finally, please don't leave books on the floor of the big Little Free Library. There are two boxes behind the bus shelter where you can leave donations. If the boxes are full there is another box next to the small Little Free Library outside **138 Wroslyn Road**.

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UPDATE FROM INSPIRED VILLAGES:

We would like to inform readers that Inspired Villages have just submitted an outline planning application on land west of Wroslyn Road. The application is available on West Oxfordshire District Council's website under reference **21/02627/OUT** and the consultation period ends on **2nd September**.

We would again like to thank you for your comments made during our online public exhibitions. If you have any questions regarding the application you can contact us at **freelandconsultation@inspiredvillages.co.uk**

FREELAND WI

August is traditionally the month for our summer outing and this year was no exception with our trip to Batsford Arboretum and Garden Centre, which is situated just outside Moreton-in-Marsh. A guided tour was much enjoyed, as well as time to enjoy lunch and explore the grounds on our own.

At our September meeting we will be planting a pot at Freeland Garden Centre, followed by a hot drink in the Village Hall. This will be our first meeting there for eighteen months and we are very much looking forward to it.

WI Climate Advisor Tip from Rosie Smith: Don't despair but do react to the report by the IPCC. <https://www.ipcc.ch>

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the United Nations body for assessing the science related to climate change. They have, this week, released the most depressing report on the state of the climate – it makes dismal reading. One feels tempted to just give up and give into a future of heatwaves, wildfires, floods, droughts, famine, mass migration and the other dire consequences of climate change that are upon us now. But there are a few glimmers of hope and we should hang onto those whilst accepting that we will have to change our ways of living by choice or by necessity. If you want to find out more and perhaps help but just don't know which way to turn consider donating to and joining The Climate Coalition a group which is supported by the WI a founding member of the group **www.theclimatecoalition.org**

Freeland WI normally meets on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall, starting at **8pm** and finishing around **10pm**. We look forward to welcoming visitors and new members at our meetings. If you have been thinking about joining WI now could be the time to give us a try. We are a varied group with a wide range of interests. One trait that unites us is that we are friendly and welcoming to visitors. Please contact our secretary Rosie if you would like to discuss joining us for a trial session or to become a member. We would love to see you.

Further information is available on our website:

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On behalf of the Management Committee, I am pleased to announce the resumption of our weekly bus service to Witney on

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I would like to thank all members of the Committee for their superb service and dedication to the community and invite new volunteer drivers and helpers to join us. It is a lot of fun and if you are interested to know more, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Alaa Al-Yousuf, Chairman



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Bee day was an amazing success - thanks to all those who joined us. We will run it again if you missed it

Julie Stuart-Thompson

FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

Well, we have held our first face-to-face meeting in the Village Hall, after being apart for many long months. What a joy to be able to see people & catch up with all their news! We remained socially separated with lots of ventilation, and we brought our own mugs - so felt very safe.

Not all were able to come at the first meeting - hospital appointments, holidays and grandchildren-sitting! But we were pleased to greet two new members to the group - we hope they found a warm welcome and will continue to enjoy our meetings.

We have decided to continue doing our own work until September when we plan to work with plastic canvas - making decorated tissue-box covers or pencil stands. Then a list will be circulated of suggestions for future "taster" sessions of crafts which members might like to try in the future.

We meet each **Wednesday** from **2.00pm to 4.00pm** in the Village Hall. There is a subscription of **£1** per meeting to cover heating/lighting & booking fees.

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The family plan to have a short and simple Interment Service at St Mary's, Freeland meeting in the churchyard for anyone who would like to pay their respects.

This will be on **Saturday 4th September 2021 at 11am.**

FREELAND WI QUIZ

The Freeland WI Quiz with a Ploughman's supper that was due to take place on Friday 3rd September in Freeland Village Hall, has now been **cancelled** due to insufficient tickets being sold.

Thank you to those who had provisionally booked tickets.



1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUT GROUP

We're looking forward to getting the groups back together after the summer holidays, with new Beavers joining us for the first time as well as members moving up to Cubs, Scouts and Explorers respectively.

We even have a camp planned for the first weekend in September, which was postponed from July. All being well the camp will go ahead at Youlbury, just outside of Oxford. For some of our members this will be their first ever Scouts' camp, as we haven't been able to run any since before March 2020. Everyone is very excited!

Before the summer break our Scouts had a wonderful time gliding with Oxford Gliding Club, which is based at Weston on the Green. Paul Trimble, the Scouts leader said: *"I had been thinking about trying to organise gliding for this age group for a number of years. Knowing that young people can go solo at the age of 14, I anticipated that it would be both a great adventurous activity, but also one that would help Scouts develop the confidence to confront their personal fears and challenge themselves. Some were cool anyway, but others really stepped up and showed huge personal strength and courage. Adapting the activity and ensuring all of the controls required to run a safe activity under both Covid-19 guidelines, and the Scout Association guidelines was challenging, but luckily there is a lot of guidance from the Scout Association, and with the help of the adventurous permit scheme and an engaged District commissioner we ran a great event!"*

Massive thanks to Paul for organising such an amazing activity and many thanks also to Oxford Gliding Club for accommodating us so brilliantly.

As we start this new term now is the perfect opportunity for you to get involved! We really need more volunteer leaders to help us provide fun activities for our members. It won't always be as amazing as gliding, but you will find it rewarding and it's definitely a wonderful investment in yourself! Send an email to gsl@hfscouting.org.uk to find out how you can support us.

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FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

Everyone at the club was saddened to hear of the sad passing of former player and long time supporter Ade Buckingham, our thoughts are with the family at this difficult time.

Pre-season at the club is now well under way. The season is scheduled to start in the first week of September.

We have been lucky enough to have been selected to host a game in the Witney & District Groundhop weekend on **Saturday 18th September**, we will host the **2pm** game in a weekend of 5 fixtures where we expect about **150** groundhoppers to be in attendance. We will be having a BBQ, cakes, raffle and, most importantly, a bar, so please do come down for a pint and a burger!

By the time that you read this, the lads who are part of the “Freeland Flames” Cycling Club should have completed their ride to Brighton. Any donations are gratefully



received for the three amazing charities (Mental Health Recovery & Oxfordshire MIND, British Heart Foundation and Bridewell Gardens), and they certainly deserve it, not only for the gruelling ride but having to listen to Matty and Jordy’s stories on the way! Thankfully Lonny and Conny have just about managed to learn how to ride in time, with the help of each other as you can see.



If you want to follow their progress you can find them on Facebook and Twitter by searching “Freeland Flames”. If you’d like to donate, use the QR code on the right or their fundraising link:

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FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club Committee are having their first committee meeting on **Thursday 26th August**, so there may be more news about future meetings next month. We will also be choosing a new Chairperson and other positions within the Committee. Members will probably get an e-mail with the decisions of this meeting and details of future meetings in the hall. At present the thought is that we will start with the AGM at the end of October.

There are many jobs to be done at this time of year to keep the garden at its best. Borders may be looking a little tired so give them a boost with a general fertiliser. Roses too benefit from feeding with Toprose, this should be gently hoed in around the roots.

Weeding, watering and mowing need to continue. Even though it has rained, pots may not have benefited, particularly if they are shaded by trees, so water them as well. Cut back lavender once it has finished flowering. Continue deadheading to prolong flowering. Collect seeds to use next year. Plant delphinium seeds as soon as you harvest them. The new plants will grow slowly during the winter and be ready to plant out next spring. Cut lupins and delphiniums down to the ground after flowering and new shoots may give you another flowering. Prune wisteria, follow advice on this from a book or specialist.

Clean ponds and cover with netting to catch falling leaves. Fill birdbaths regularly and clean them and bird tables occasionally. In the veg and fruit garden, harvest courgettes, marrows and sweetcorn before they grow too big. Pick beans regularly. Hoe weeds often. Sew lettuce, spinach, and spring cabbage. Water tomatoes regularly and harvest when ready. Pinch out shoots growing in leaf branches.

Pick soft fruit and cover to keep birds off. Blackbirds love blueberries, so peg netting down well. Cut out old fruited canes from raspberries. Take out some of the fruited branches from blackcurrants.

There are many sources of advice about what to do and when in the garden, particularly if you are new to growing plants. Gardeners never stop learning. Enjoy your hard work by just sitting and looking sometimes.

For more information about the Freeland Gardening Club, please contact Terry Jones on davidjones30@talktalk.net Janet Dalton (Secretary)

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Charity Raffle (raffle prizes will be very much appreciated). This event will be run COVID safe, please do come along and support it if you can. Masks do not need to be worn in the pub but you are welcome to do so if you wish. Sanitising stations and strict cleaning regime are still in place and bar service has resumed. Table service will still be in place for diners. For more information please contact Nicky Clargo at **oxfordshire.stars@gmail.com** or **07754 271831**

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NORTH LEIGH ROMAN VILLA: OPEN DAYS & WHAT IS YOUR EARLIEST MEMORY OF THE VILLA

The North Leigh Roman Villa mosaics will be open again on the weekend of **Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September from 11am to 5pm.**

There will be talks about Roman coins and a chance to get up close to the mosaic: email **CLEAN** to **nlrsvols@gmail.com** for your chance to join the English Heritage conservation team cleaning the mosaic. A great opportunity to create a very special memory of your visit.

But what is your earliest memory of visiting North Leigh Roman Villa? The North Leigh Roman Villa Volunteers are trying to piece together the 200 year history of the site as a visitor attraction.

Do you remember paying 50p to see the mosaic back in the 1980s?

Did you attend the Roman re-enactment held on site in 1990?

How far back do your family memories stretch? Although the site remained open, from the early '90s until 2019 the mosaic was locked away. Since then the volunteer group has helped over 2,200 visitors to see the beautiful Roman floor.

The very first account of the villa was published by Henry Hakewill following his 1813-16 excavations of the site. Blenheim Estate gamekeepers and their families were among those living in the Cottage beside the villa in Victorian times. While throughout the 19th century the roof of the mosaic house was made of thatch.

In the years leading up to Second World War, the bath suite and other foundations that are on display today were covered over, with a shed erected on top of them. And to visit the mosaic would have cost you 3d.

Have you been told about excavations on the site, back in the 1960s or earlier?

Please email **nlrsvols@gmail.com** or post your recollections on

Twitter: @villa_north.

Or come along on **Saturday 11th or Sunday 12th September** and tell one of the volunteers what you recall.

For more details about openings and access to the site (which can be arduous if you have mobility issues), please visit:

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THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 1/8/2021

As the great philosopher Jagger once said “You can’t always get what you want” and this was certainly the case for the first UFR since lockdown. I think the phrase is drizzle, mist, hail, wet, dribble, drip..... Anyway one of those was cast upon us for most of the 5 miles we trudged, but it didn’t dampen the spirits of all who attended. There was no sign of Dento this time as he had had a small argument with himself and decided to stay away from all but his best friend Costa.



Mrs Trellis has been in Ibiza partying since restrictions were lifted with some of the members from the old 80's band 'A Flock of Seagulls'....they still claim to have an court injunction out against her but she denies everything and didn't even know they had any fish.

Not sure how that will all pan out, so the next Ramble will be on **Sunday 5th September at 10am** from outside the Yeoman. All Welcome.
Mr Route Planner

FREELAND SPEEDWATCH



Following the relaxation of restrictions during the Covid-19 pandemic the Freeland Speedwatch Team will be resuming their activities from **1st September**.

It will be apparent to all local residents that many vehicles speed through the village. The team have previously recorded some drivers reaching speeds in excess of 50mph.

The presence of members of the team along Wroslyn Road and at The Green had a positive impact and saw a reduction

in both the number of drivers speeding and the speeds recorded. During lockdown it has been noticeable that speeds have crept up once again. If you are caught speeding your details will be passed on to Thames Valley Police who will then take appropriate action.

The collection of data is not only important for Thames Valley Police but will also be a useful tool in discussions with Oxfordshire County Council when considering the impact of the proposed Park and Ride and building of Salt Cross, the new garden village. This will be particularly relevant to us if we do not want Freeland to become a route for heavy construction vehicles or to become a rat run.

We are a small team of volunteers and would encourage more people to join us. Could you spare an hour or two a week to help record the number and speed of motorists at various times of the day and on different days of the week? If you would like to be involved, or require any further information, please contact me.

Together we can ensure that our village is both a beautiful and safe place to live.

Roger Faulkner, Freeland Speedwatch Co-Ordinator
rogfner@aol.com 01993 622413



FREELAND CE PRIMARY SCHOOL: FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

I'd like to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Freeland CE Primary School, taking over from Toby O'Neil, who I thank for his many years of service on the governing body. A teacher myself, I have been a governor at Freeland for two years now and look forward to chairing the Governing body of this wonderful school.

It's an exciting time to be writing this message to you. The pandemic has generated many unique challenges for the school, our staff, parents and, last but certainly not least, the pupils. Two school closures and consequent periods of remote learning forced us all to adapt quickly to new ways of doing things, and I have great admiration for the way everyone connected with the school community coped with great courage and enthusiasm. Our pupils have soldiered on without complaint, making good progress in the varied settings of Google Classroom, key worker provision and their covid-compliant school bubbles. The adaptability, the determination of the whole school community augurs well for the new school year, which will herald a return to ('new') normal service!

In the new school year we're all looking forward to resuming school trips and face-to-face contact with parents and members of the community. With school closures seemingly a thing of the past (*crosses fingers!*), we have a great opportunity to focus on the future and drive forward our school development plan. There has also been some restructuring of school leadership, and I'm delighted to announce Penny McCarthy as our new Head of School, with Sarah Nickelson becoming Executive Headteacher of Freeland & two other schools in the Eynsham Partnership Trust (EPA).

Though difficult, our response to the pandemic has illustrated the strength of the Freeland School community and our strong links with the village and local area. The school is fortunate to be served by a team of excellent governors from the church, parent body and local community; if you are interested in learning more about the governing body and potentially becoming a governor, please do email me at matthewcoolin@freeland.oxon.sch.uk. More information about the school is available on our website, www.freeland.oxon.sch.uk.

With all best wishes,

Matthew Coolin - Freeland CE Primary School Chair of Governors

FREELAND PHOTO GROUP

Freeland Photo Group will continue to meet virtually on the first and third Tuesday of every month, starting at **7.30pm**, for the foreseeable future. Meetings in September will be on **Tuesday 7th and 21st**.

Please contact Paul Sayer on paul.pshml@googlemail.com for details of the virtual meetings and the programme.

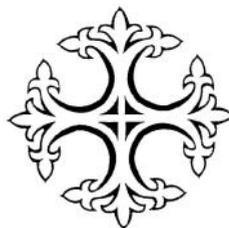
EYNHAM MEDICAL GROUP NEWS as at 17th August 2021

Flu Vaccinations and Covid updates

Our flu booking line will go live from **1st September 2021**.

The line will be staffed between **9am - 2pm Monday - Friday**, the number is **01993 880786**.

Appointments will also be **available to book on line**. There will be two separate types of clinic for the different age groups **50 – 64** and **65 and over**.



When booking on line please check that you are booking into the correct clinic for your age group. If you book an appointment at the incorrect clinic we will unfortunately not be able to administer your vaccination and you will need to reschedule your appointment. Clinics will be clearly labelled on our on line booking system.

Flu vaccinations will be available to anyone over the age of 50 in England. No clinics will be added to our system until the 1st September, so patients will be unable to book in before then.

At the time of going to press we are awaiting information regarding Covid booster vaccinations.

We have also set up a vaccination query email address to go live on 1st September 2021, for both flu and Covid vaccination queries. It is occg.emg.vaccine.enquiries@nhs.net

We ask that any questions you have about flu or Covid vaccinations are directed to this email address. Patient Care Advisors (PCA) will be unable to take vaccination queries over the telephone.

In the case of a patient without an email and needing to make an enquiry, our PCAs will be happy to send an email on their behalf and contact the enquirer by another method once an answer is obtained.

How to prove your Covid-19 vaccination status

There have been a lot of requests from patients about how to prove their Covid-19 vaccination status for travelling abroad.

If you have a smartphone, tablet or a web browser You can access your Covid-19 status through the free NHS App now.

Proof of your Covid-19 vaccination status is within the NHS App and also within your Patient Access App if you have one.

If you are not already registered for the NHS App, then why not take a look the video which is at **<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q0SCcLtw8JA>**

You might find this helpful as it talks through the process of registering.

If you don't have access to a smartphone, but still need evidence of your Covid-19 vaccination status, then you can call the NHS Covid Helpline on **119** and ask for a letter to be posted to you. This must be at least five days after you have completed your course of the vaccine.

There is more about demonstrating your Covid-19 vaccination status on the government website at: **<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-covid-pass>**

NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

North Leigh History Society is back in business! After over a year of waiting we are starting our new season of talks on **Tuesday 7th September at 7.30 pm**. As there is clearly still some level of virus around, we are moving to North Leigh Memorial Hall (**OX29 6SA**) as this will allow easier social distancing and greater spacing between chairs.

At our first meeting, Professor Laurence Brockliss will be giving a talk about the life and death of Horatio Nelson.

A year's membership is **£18** or you can come as a visitor to any one of our talks for **£4**. Further details are available from Diana Power (**01993 882301**) or Robert Kyte at **kyterobert@gmail.com**



Freeland Naturehood



Freeland Naturehood is a local group of wildlife lovers working alongside Naturehood Earthwatch and Nature Recovery Network to assist in the fight against wildlife decline in our public spaces and private gardens.

No Mow May

Thank you to all those in the village that contributed to no mow may. It was truly inspiring to see so many nectar rich lawns in the village. Your efforts did not go un-noticed.

Did you have a go at calculating how nectar rich your lawn was? Maybe this year it didn't go as well as you thought and need a little intervention. If you haven't already, please do tell us how you got on and maybe we can help. Free packs and resources available for anyone interested.

Yellow Rattle Trial

As part of the NRN efforts to extend wildlife corridors across all local parishes, some work of sowing Yellow Rattle on several trial sites across the village is in progress. Yellow Rattle is used to slow down the growth of invasive grass species. Once sown in August/September it is hoped further sowing and planting of native perennial meadow species can be done with greater success in the spring.

If you would like to get involved in the trial to monitor progress of these sites please get in touch.

Freeland Bat Walk

A bat walk will be taking place with an experienced bat ecologist from the Oxford Bat Group on **Saturday 11th September** (time to be determined) social distancing will be in place. Limited number of places. Please email with your interest and how many of you would like to attend.

Email: nature_instead@outlook.com



BRIDEWELL GARDENS

Bridewell Gardens is a flourishing and imaginative walled garden and vineyard where people recovering from enduring mental illness can rebuild their lives in a safe and supportive environment.

Its features include a large pond in the cottage garden; an avenue of roses and apple trees; a knot garden; raised vegetable beds; a soft fruit cage and a herb wheel.

We look forward to sharing our beautiful gardens with you at our forthcoming **Open Day on Sunday 12th September 11am - 4pm.**

Pop-up café in the garden for tea and cake. Plants for sale, juice, chutneys and our organic sparkling wine. Make a day of it and bring a picnic blanket and relax in the vineyard with friends and family. Dogs on leads are very welcome.

No booking required. Suggested donation **£5** per person.

Bridewell Gardens, The Walled Garden, Wilcote, Oxfordshire **OX7 3DT**

Registered charity: 1158456

Freeland Naturehood Photography Competition

Every month entries will be judged by a panel from the Freeland Photo Group alongside wildlife experts from Earthwatch Naturehood. It is completely free to enter for any age.

There will be a small prize each month. All winning photos will be included in the 2021 Freeland Naturehood Calendar.

Send your entry to: nature_instead@outlook.com by the end of the month.



July Winner - Alison Puddle

Image of the meadow to the back of Walkers Close. What a beautiful angle and wonderful spray of colour.

Enjoy this colourful photo in the online Grapevine

Russell Fisher -

Freeland Naturehood Leader

COOKS CORNER FARM, FREELAND 1930 - 1973

Cooks Corner Farm was a very special place for me, my family and our many visitors over the years. It became known as a 'model' farm with its Cotswold stone house moulded from two old cottages, with Stonesfield slates, stone farm buildings, Dutch barn, and lovely gardens, shrubs with firs and elm trees as a backdrop, all set in 160 acres.

The farm was purchased in Michaelmas 1930 just after my parents had married in Middletown, Shropshire. Both came from generations of farmers and Shire Horse breeders in North Shropshire.. Having three brothers, my father knew he wanted his own premises away from the family farmstead.

Cooks Corner was run-down and the buildings dilapidated but, over a few years and much hard work, the farm was restored with the help of local craftsmen and their expertise.

Machinery was procured from a Salopian Agricultural Company with items transported to Hanborough Station! Pig breeding came first as markets were good, closely followed by a dairy herd of Shorthorn cattle and a Hereford Bull. The farm was the first in the county to have a T. T. Herd with an Alfa Laval milking machine.

Milk quality and supply were monitored by Reading University for several years so sterilisation was essential at a frequent rate. Milk in churns (eight gallons) went every day to Burton's Dairies in Oxford, delivered by my father in a little old van!

Meanwhile my mother worked on improvement of the house which eventually was extended to update and add another wing. Each week she made butter, bread, cheese and cured the pork and hams from our own pigs.

As there were two orchards and a large vegetable garden, all fruit was either bottled or made into jam. Onions and cabbage were pickled so nothing was wasted.

Later two thousand laying hens were added to the daily routine so collection and cleaning of eggs was a major job for anyone who was available at the time - often me!

Turkeys were reared for the Christmas table but they were tricky to develop as they were so inclined to disease. Poultry was also prepared for Christmas with the whole family plucking birds for days before hand - fortified by coffee and a drop of rum!

David Jones (Dai) who came to Oxfordshire with my father, was our only help at first and he lived with us in the house, occupying the attic. Today he lies at rest, as do my parents, in Freeland churchyard.

The war years, 1939 - 1945, saw many visitors, army manoeuvres in and around barns, hay and harvest help from prisoners of war from camps around Witney area - also visitors for tea on Sundays from rehabilitated troops stationed in the Stables at Freeland House. At one time, forty Italian prisoners of war came for three months to clear several acres of woodland to be ploughed up for food production on the orders of the War Agricultural Committee based in Wychwood School, Oxford for some years.

The farm was already a good wheat growing area - as well as oats, potatoes, kale, and swedes. All was farmed intensively until powered machinery became available.

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The saddest time came when my father became ill and could not go on - he had already some problems from being gassed in World War I in France in 1918-19.

A developer wanted a certain acreage for housing but he was persuaded to buy the whole farm, which he did. He retained his acreage and sold the rest to a local buyer and business man, and I understood that the Eynsham Hall Estate would work the arable areas.

Today I wonder if the cowslips still thrive in my favourite place, the watercress on the brook, Mrs Mallard on her usual, annual nesting site and our lovely bluebell wood where I found a cuckoo occupying someone else's home!

Barbara Bunyan - Oxford - July 2021

Editor's note: Cooks Corner Farm is at the end of the private track off Wroslyn Road, opposite the Primary School.

Freeland CE Primary School

We are looking for volunteers within the Freeland community to help us at our weekly Forest School sessions, every **Monday afternoon 12.30pm -3pm** in the woods at the end of Parklands.

We have a qualified Forest School leader and a member of school staff who lead the sessions but need regular volunteers who are willing to support the children with lots of exciting activities such as den building, knot tying, fire lighting, whittling and playing games.

No experience is needed, just a sense of adventure and enjoyment of the great outdoors. If you can offer either a weekly commitment or can help some sessions over the academic year, please contact our administrator on **01993 881707** or email **office.3208@freeland.oxon.sch.uk**

We Need Your Help



INCIDENT IN THE WOODS TO THE WEST OF BROADMARSH LANE

On Thursday 12th August at 11am, a Freeland resident, walking her dog in the woods, was subjected to a physical and verbal assault by one of three cyclists.

Three men in cycling gear on bikes came up behind her on a narrow path in the woods, they were riding in single file because the woodland paths are very narrow.

The first cyclist shouted "Get out of the way" when he was right behind the dog-walker. As the dog-walker didn't move out of the way quickly enough, the first cyclist forced his way along side and swore at the lady while trying to push her into the brambles. Luckily the dog-walker was able to stay upright as the cyclist went past her.

When the dog-walker got home, she phoned the Police who confirmed that it was common assault.



Have a great big day out that helps the planet!

Win an Eynsham Great Big Green Week Curiosity Box in our summer holiday competition

Have fun and reduce your carbon emissions

1 Plan your great big day out.

- Choose a favourite place
- Choose low carbon ways to travel - boots, bike, boat, bus
- Try some local/vegetarian/vegan food*
- Go zero waste by using recycled/reusable packaging
- Plan a planet friendly game or activity



2 Get packed and go!

- Celebrate what you have done for the planet last year and plan what you would like to do next year
- Eat, chat, play
- How many species of plant or animal or insect can you identify? **
- Make a record of your day: take photos, videos, make sketches of anything you could use in your competition entry. Note down anything that would have made your day better.

3 Submit your entry to the Eynsham Great Big Green Week exhibition.

- Make a collage, design a poster or video explaining why your day was good for the planet now and for the future.
- Answer the question: If you could give the government and world politicians at COP 26*** one piece of advice to help us stop the climate and ecological emergency, what would it be?
- **Submit your entry** on the Eynsham Great Big Green Week website by 9th September. Or hand it in at your school.

4 Go to Eynsham Great Big Green Week website from 18 September to see if you won.

- Winners will be notified on 17th September. Age appropriate prizes, up to KS3
- A gallery of entries will be displayed and hosted on the Eynsham Great Big Green Week website and shared on social media from 18-26th September.

“everything we do for nature supports the climate but not everything we do for climate supports nature.” Tony Juniper

1 - SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAY COMPETITION

Don't forget the GREAT BIG GREEN DAY OUT SUMMER HOLIDAY COMPETITION!

****[ONLINE SUBMISSIONS](#) NOW OPEN!****

<https://eynsham-pc.gov.uk/org.aspx?n=The-Great-Big-Green-Week&id=1267>

This summer holiday competition has been developed with the Eynsham Partnership Academy and is for pupils Age 4 - 14 living in villages in and around Eynsham.

Online submissions are already open and close at midnight on 9th September or you can take it to your Eynsham Partnership Academy school on the first day of term.

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Results will be announced, entries displayed and prizes given during **Great Big Green Week September 18th - 26th 2021**

<https://eynsham-pc.gov.uk/org.aspx?n=The-Great-Big-Green-Week>

Find inspiration at Curiosity Box **<https://curiosity-box.net/gbgw/>**

2 - GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK SEPTEMBER 18th - 26th

Eynsham area's Great Big Green Week is a collaboration between local community groups, businesses, individuals, families and friends, which aims to showcase and celebrate the great green endeavours to tackle climate change and protect the environment in our village and beyond, and inspire people to show the world we want to do better.

Great Big Green Week runs from 18th - 26th September, and forms part of a massive national event in the lead up to the 2021 United Nations Summit on Climate Change (COP26).

There will be lots of free activities and events during the week covering nature recovery, zero carbon building, future energy, green transport, the arts, local food and more. There will a free children's science based activity trail around Eynsham, including building and racing eco-racers, organized with help from the Eynsham Curiosity Box and opportunities to learn more about wildflower meadows, electric vehicles and Smart and Fair Futures, a national energy innovation project which includes **Freeland**.

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WOODSTOCK AND DISTRICT u3a

Woodstock University of the 3rd Age's monthly speaker meetings continued in July (still courtesy of Zoom) with a presentation by author, raconteur and 'semi-retired teacher' Jeff Rozelaar, who treated us to a lightning tour of memories of the '60s, Swinging or otherwise.



Following up his earlier work on wartime childhood in the East End of London (described in his book 'Bagels and Bacon') Jeff turned to his experience of higher education and the Swinging Sixties, including his time at a north of England university. Life in student lodgings introduced him both to the products of English public schools and to previously unknown gastronomic treats such as Yorkshire pudding served with jam. Swinging more widely around '60s Britain, Jeff also reminded us of the series of seriously cold winters in the early part of that decade, during one of which, he recalled, a car – maybe one of those new-fangled Minis? - being driven over the frozen Thames near Folly Bridge.

No speaker meeting is scheduled for August, but on the 18th members were promised a garden party at which they may enjoy (sociably distanced, of course) 'fabulous cakes and punch'. Speaker meetings then pick up again on **Tuesday 7th September** with a presentation on the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Detail of all Branch activities can be found at www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock

Chris Sladen

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- W 25 Aug Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- Su 29 Aug Farmers' Market - Freeland CE Primary School 10am - 1pm**
- Su 29 Aug The Cake Café - Cream Teas - Village Hall 2.30pm - 5pm**
- W 1 Sept Freeland Neighbourhood Plan - Zoom meeting 6pm - 7.30pm (page 21)
- Th 2 Sept Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- Th 2 Sept **DEADLINE DAY** for comments about Inspired Villages development
- Su 5 Sept Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking at 10am from the Yeoman
- Tu 7 Sept The Cake Café, Village Hall 9am - 11.30am**
- W 8 Sept Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- Th 9 Sept **Freeland Community Bus** Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27
- Sa 11 Sept Ride & Stride event <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>
- Sa 11/Su 12 North Leigh Roman Villa Open 11am - 5pm - see page 37
- Su 12 Sept Bridewell Gardens Open Day 11am - 4pm - see page 43
- Su 12 Sept Freeland Grapevine - October edition deadline day**
- M 13 Sept Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, **7.30pm**
- W 15 Sept Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- Th 16 Sept **Freeland Community Bus** Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27
- Sa 18 Sept Freeland Football Club "Groundhop Weekend" - see page 33
- Su 19 Sept **Combe Mill in Steam** See www.combemill.co.uk
- W 22 Sept Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- Th 23 Sept **Freeland Community Bus** Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27
- Su 26 Sept Farmers' Market - Freeland CE Primary School 10am - 1pm**

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The deadline for articles or adverts for the **October** Grapevine is **Sunday 12th September**. The **October** edition should be in the church porch and online at: **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** from **Friday 24th September**.

We welcome handwritten or typed articles and adverts. However, if at all possible, please send by email, formatted to fit an A5 magazine - it will certainly help to reduce the number of our mistakes! The font we use is **Gill Sans MT** at 10 point.

If submitting electronically please use Word or Publisher, **not PDFs** as they are incompatible with Microsoft Publisher which we use for the Grapevine. Photographs should be JPGs or PNGs, again **not PDFs**.

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Note Please put your name and telephone number on any submission in case we need to contact you. These will only be printed if requested by you.

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